Northern Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2005

Daily Events

ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY

Alexandria Archaeology Museum Third Floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center 105 N. Union Street, No. 327, Alexandria

Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; Monday closed

Exhibit: A Community Digs Its Past—The Lee Street Site. During museum hours in October. An exhibition featuring the archaeology and history unearthed during the excavation of the city block bounded by Lee, Union, and Queen Streets. Free.

Kid's Program: Alexandria Archaeology Adventure Lessons. During museum hours in October. 45-minute hands-on programs designed for K-12 school aged children. Each Lesson focuses on the artifacts, history and people associated with Alexandria archaeological sites. \$2 per person, \$20 minimum. Limited to 20 participants per program. Reservations required.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial 101 Callahan Drive

- Oct 1 Family Dig Day 1:30–3 p.m. Help City archaeologists screen excavated soil from a real dig. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a participating adult. Reservations required. Fee: \$5 per person. On the grounds of the Memorial.
- Oct 8 Tours of the Shuter's Hill Excavation Site. 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Meet city archaeologists for one-hour guided tours of the Shuter's Hill excavation site. Free, but reservations required. Exhibit: Archaeology at Historic Mount Vernon.

 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Archaeologists Esther White and Eleanor Breen will be on hand with table-top displays to talk about ongoing excavations of President George Washington's estate. Learn about sites; explore the finds; figure out how archaeologists dig. Learn about archeological conservation.
- Oct 15 Bicycle Tour of the Alexandria Heritage Trail. 10 a.m.

 A 20-mile guided tour of Alexandria's archaeological and historic sites spanning 9000 years. Free, but reservations required. Begins in the Memorial parking lot.

Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road

Oct 22 Lecture: Warming the Troups: Alexandria's Crimean

Ovens 10 a.m.—noon. Presentation by Wally Owen, Assistant Director, Fort Ward Museum and Steven Shephard, assistant city Archaeologist. The history and archaeology of two innovative Civil War brick heating systems found recently in Alexandria. (703) 838-4848.

Dates and times subject to change. Call the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at (703) 838-4399 for event confirmation.

The Alexandria Archaeology Museum is owned and operated by the City of Alexandria and complies with the ADA. An individual with a disability who wishes a reasonable accommodation should call the museum ten days prior to the selected event. http://oha.ci.alexandria.va.us/archaeology/

ARCHAEOLOGY of JAMES MADISON'S MANSION LANDSCAPE



Montpelier Archaeology Work Study Program 11407 Constitution Highway Montpelier Station

Week–Long Work Study Program. October 10–15 2005. The Montpelier Archaeology Department will be investigating the complex landscape of the front yard of the Montpelier mansion—looking for evidence of the early 19th-century gate, fence, driveway, and, most particularly, the very important front gates to the mansion grounds. Interested individuals are welcome to join in this week-long experience.

Participants are trained in archaeological technique both in the lab and in the field.

Open House, Site Tour and Fee-Free Day. Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. 4 *p.m.* Visit the site and tour the house and gardens.

For more information contact Matthew Reeves, Staff Archaeologist: (540) 672-2728 Ext. 160 www.montpelier.org

Friday & Saturday, October 28–29 Winchester

Exhibit: NORTHERN SHENANDOAH CHAPTER

ASV CONFERENCE EXHIBITS— Exhibits highlighting 2004-2005 projects of the NSC-Archeological Society of

Virginia on display during the

Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Winchester, Virginia. Photos, maps, graphs and

artifacts will be on display.

Sponsor: ASV—Northern Shenandoah Chapter

Location: Holiday Inn

1017 Millwood Pike Friday 12 noon–7 p.m.

Time: Friday 12 noon–7 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Contact: Hotel: (703) 667-3300

Web: Registration: <u>www.asv-archeology.org/</u>

2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Archeological Society of Virginia October 29–30, 2004



Holiday Inn 1017 Millwood Pike Winchester, Virginia (540) 667-3300

Oct. 29 ASV Session. Presentations on prehistoric and historic archaeology and ASV chapter presentations on local

activities

Local Tours Afternoon

ASV Annual Reception and Banquet 6 p.m.
Featured Speaker: Stephen R. Potter, Regional
Archaeologist for the National Capital Region, National
Park Service, will speak on Antietam, The Archaeology of
America's Bloodiest Day

Oct. 30 ASV Session. Presentations on prehistoric and historic archaeology.

For registration information contact: Royce McNeal rmcneal@graypape.com ASV Web site: www.asv-archeology.org/

Ongoing Events

Daily Except Tuesday

Chantilly

Site Tour: SULLY HISTORIC SITE—Experience

the early 19th-century life of Richard Bland Lee. Docent-led tours let you examine artifacts, including Native American materials recovered during archaeological work around the 1794 house. Visit the slave cabin, reconstructed based on artifacts recovered by the

excavations.

Sponsor: Fairfax County Park Authority / Sully

Historic Site

Location: 3601 Sully Road

Time: Daily except Tuesday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Contact: (703) 437–1794

Web: <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully</u>

COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA ARCHAELOGISTS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING



October 28, 2005 The History Center, 20 South Cameron Street Winchester, Virginia

Council of Virginia Archaeologists Session. Membership Meeting. *Friday, 1–4 p.m.* Trolley available from the Holiday Inn.

COVA scholarly presentations on archaeology and public education. *7:00 p.m.* Reception to follow. The Public is welcome, no registration required.

For more information contact: COVA Web site: http://cova-inc.org/

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC

RESOURCES— Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

ARK—The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit. This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaeo_teach.htm

First People: The Early Indians of Virginia Find out about the ancient history of the native people of Virginia.

NEW! The Indian World of John White's Paintings An exciting interactive education module developed by the Department of Historic Resources. Based on three White watercolors, the module forms a valuable on-line resource and springboard for learning about Indian life, especially for elementary school students.

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to *Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab.* The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past.

<u>Lesson plans using archaeology</u> These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the *Becoming a Homeplace* section of the Virginia Historical Society's major exhibition, *The Story of Virginia.* Plans are posted on the VHS site, available from the above DHR site address.